

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action dated August 9, 2005, the Examiner allowed claims 1-16 and 22, rejected claims 17, 19-21 and 23 over Fulkerson et al., and objected to claim 18. The Examiner also rescinded the election of species requirement made in the Office Action mailed on June 21, 2004.

In response to the objection to claim 18, Applicants hereby amend claim 17 to include the limitations of claim 18, which is now cancelled. Claim 17 is accordingly believed to be in condition for immediate allowance along with all claims depending therefrom. Claim 21 is hereby amended to depend from claim 17, from which claims 19 and 20 also depend.

Applicants hereby cancel claim 23 without prejudice to their right to submit that claim or other claims in a continuation application.

The claims previously withdrawn but now pending in view of the rescission of the election of species requirement are marked as "Previously presented" to indicate the fact that a change in status has occurred for those claims.

In view of the foregoing remarks and amending changes, claims 1-17 and 19-22 now pending in the application are believed to be in condition for immediate allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney if there are issues relating to any of the pending claims that can be addressed expeditiously by phone.

Respectfully submitted,



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